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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 14854

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2011

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Airgas, Inc.
Radnor, PA
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials in DOT Specification 3AL cylinders manufactured from aluminum alloy 6061-T6 that are requalified every ten years rather than every five years using 100% ultrasonic examination. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein. The most recent revision supersedes all previous revisions.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in the development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with the transportation in commerce.
 - c. No party status will be granted to this special permit.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 180.209(a) and part of § 180.209(b), in that DOT 3AL cylinders may be requalified every ten years and are not required to be hammer tested prior to each refill; and § 180.209(b)(1)(iv) in that ultrasonic examination is authorized in lieu of hydrostatic testing and visual inspection.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Airgas, Inc. dated May 6, 2009 submitted in accordance with § 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.

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Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Non-corrosive liquefied or non-liquefied compressed gases, or mixtures of such compressed gases, classed as Division 2.1, (flammable gas) Division 2.2, (nonflammable gas) or Division 2.3, (gases which are Toxic by Inhalation (TIH)) which are authorized in the HMR for transportation in DOT 3AL cylinders.	2.1, 2.2 or 2.3	Various	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed is a DOT-3AL specification cylinder made of aluminum alloy 6061-T6 that is subjected to the periodic retesting, reinspection and marking prescribed in §§ 180.205, 180.209 and 180.213 except that:

(1) The cylinder is not required to be hammer tested prior to each refill;

(2) Each cylinder must be retested at least once every 10 years by utilizing the 100 percent ultrasonic examination (UE) of sidewall as described in DOT-SP 14313 (Air Gas) except that for all cylinders the flat bottom hole (FBH) used as referenced standard (calibration) must have diameter and depth less than or equal to 1/8" and 0.025" respectively;

(3) Every five year - each cylinder must be subject to external visual inspection in accordance with CGA Pamphlet C-6.1. Airgas, Inc. must record the results of the visual inspection of each cylinder and submit the report to the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approval (OHMSPA) upon request;

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(4) Each cylinder passing retests under the provisions of this special permit must be marked in accordance with DOT-SP 14313. Additionally each cylinder must be plainly and durably marked "DOT-SP 14854" followed by "*" as specified in § 180.209(b)(1)(vi).

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) Cylinders under this special permit must remain in dedicated service;

(2) All gases and gas mixture must have a dew point at or below minus 52°F at one atmosphere;

(3) Gas mixtures must be checked to ensure that such mixture combining (chemically) with the cylinder material (aluminum) does not have an adverse effect on the cylinder's strength.

(4) Any cylinder exhibiting fire or excessive heat damage may not be retested under the terms of this special permit.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. A person who is not a holder of this special permit who receives a package covered by this special permit may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

b. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, cargo aircraft only and passenger carrying aircraft, as currently authorized by the HMR for the hazardous materials being transported.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel, aircraft, or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must furnish a copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.

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11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
 - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)—"The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005" (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term "exemption" to "special permit" and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous

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materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deborah F. Billie".

for Dr. Magdy El-Sibaie

Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm. Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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